

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled);

2 (currently amended). A crab meat extracting apparatus ~~as described in claim 1, wherein comprising:~~

a planar base member having a top side;

a crab support member being attached upon said top side of said planar base member, said crab support member being is a plate having a semi-circular main portion and also having planar end portions which are fastened upon said top side of said planar base member;

a tray being removably disposed upon said planar base member; and

a crab compressing assembly including a crab compressing plate being hingedly attached to said crab support member and being removably disposed upon said crab support member for compressing a shelled crab between said crab support member and said crab compressing plate.

3 (original). A crab meat extracting apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said tray includes a bottom wall, and also includes a side and an end wall being attached along a perimeter of said bottom wall.

4 (currently amended). A crab meat extracting apparatus as described in claim 3, wherein said crab compressing plate is longitudinally curved and has an end which is hingedly attached to one of said planar end portions of said crab support member, said crab compressing plate being disposed generally concentric parallel to said crab support member upon said crab compressing plate being disposed upon said crab support member.

5 (original). A crab meat extracting apparatus as described in claim 4 wherein said crab compressing assembly also includes a bracket

member being attached upon said top side of said planar base member, and further includes a handle assembly being pivotally mounted to said bracket member, and also includes a roller member being mounted upon said handle assembly and being rollably engaged upon said crab compressing plate.

6 (original). A crab meat extracting apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein said bracket member includes an elongate main portion and also includes end portions being angled relative to said elongate main portion, and being disposed generally perpendicular to said planar base member, and having holes being disposed therethrough.

7 (original). A crab meat extracting apparatus as described in claim 6, wherein said handle assembly includes a pair of elongate handle support members having angled first end portions each of which is pivotally disposed in said hole of a respective said end portion of said bracket member, and also includes a handle support cross member being attached to second ends of and extending between said elongate handle support members, and also includes a roller support cross member being attached intermediate of said first ends portions and said second ends of and extending between said elongate handle support members, and further includes a handle member being disposed about said handle support cross member, said roller member being rollably disposed about said roller support cross member.